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Subject: 2008-2012 Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

The Project Analysis Bureau of the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) will soon publish the draft 2008-2012 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), a list of transportation improvements planned for Montana during the next five years. Federal law requires MDT to present the draft STIP to the public and to consider all comments.

In 2007, we mailed over 900 copies of the draft STIP. This year, in an effort to reduce costs, we are offering you the opportunity to review and comment on the draft STIP on-line. To view this document on your computer screen, go to www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/stip.shtml.

If you would like a hard copy, simply write your name and address on the enclosed postage-paid card and mail it to us before June 6. We will be happy to send you the printed version. If you want us to remove your name from the notification list, just fill out the card and check the "remove" box.

Please review the draft STIP and send us your comments, especially for projects in your area. If you send in your comments electronically, address them to glarson@mt.gov. The comment period runs through June 20, so be sure to submit any comments prior to that date, so we can consider them for the final document.

Once the Montana Transportation Commission approves the final STIP, we will notify you that copies are available. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to call me at (800) 714-7296 or (406) 444-6110.

Thank you for your assistance,

Gary Larson, Bureau Chief
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Enclosure